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SUBJECT: GOJ PROPOSAL REGARDING PEACE IN CAMBODIA

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1. DCM TODAY ASKED MINISTER JAPANESE EMBASSY NOMIYAMA HOW HANABUSA HAD OBTAINED IMPRESSION US SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL WAS HAVING NEGATIVE EFFECT IN KUALA LUMPUR (REF A). POINTED OUT THAT NO REPEAT NO OFFICER IN OUR EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH EITHER ANYONE IN MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT OR WITH ANY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IN KL OTHER THAN NOMIYAMA (REF B).

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2. NOMIYAMA SAID HE HAD REVIEWED GOM'S POSITION LAST TUESDAY

(SEPT 18) WITH DEPSEC GEN HASHIM BIN SULTAN ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO TO INQUIRE IF GOM WILLING TO INCORPORATE GIST OF GOJ PROPOSAL ON CAMBODIA IN THEIR CHIEF DELEGATE'S OPENING SPEECH AT UNGA. NOMIYAMA WAS TOLD THAT FONMIN HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH PRIMIN RAZAK WHO STILL AWAY OR WITH SEC GEN ZAITON WHO HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ALGIERS AND LONDON.

3. HASHIM HAD HOWEVER EXPRESSED A MORE NEGATIVE "PERSONAL" VIEW THAN IN THEIR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION, STATING GOJ'S INITIAL PROPOSAL HAD BEEN UNTIMELY (I.E., ON EVE OF ALGIERS MEETING), THAT IT REQUIRED ASEAN REPEAT ASEAN CONSENSUS, THAT THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY AN ASIAN REPEAT ASIAN ISSUE AND REGRETFULLY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WERE BECOMING TOO EXTENSIVE, INCLUDING US, AUSTRALIA AND NZ. NOMIYAMA SAID HE WAS CERTAIN GOM MUST HAVE KNOWN OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS BY US EMB JAKARTA BECAUSE OF CLOSE GOI-GOM CONTACTS.

4. NOMIYAMA EXPLICITLY CONCURRED WHEN DCM ASKED IF THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF HASHIM'S POSITION RELATED MORE TO GOM'S PREFERENCE FOR CLOSER CONSULTATION AMONG MEMBERS OF REGION, AND TO HANDLING OF THIS PROPOSAL, RATHER THAN "US KISS OF DEATH" SUGGESTION IN REF A. NOMIYAMA SAID LATTER CONCLUSION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT WHAT HE INTENDED TO CONVEY IN HIS REPORT OF LAST MEETING WITH HASHIM, AND ALLEGEDLY FOUND HANABUSA'S INTERPRETATION "STRANGE."

5. COMMENT: IF EMBASSY TOKYO FINDS APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, WE RECOMMEND THAT RECORD AS REGARDS KL AT LEAST BE SET STRAIGHT WITH HANABUSA WHO SEEMS TO HAVE MISSTATED HIS EMBASSY'S REPORT.
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